

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland, Md. July 1883? My darling Alec:

I hope this note will pass you on the road, for oh I am so homesick for a sight of you. I would go to you at once if it were not for the children, but indeed indeed I cannot unless in great necessity. I don't think you realize how much it is to be near my children. I may not be with them very much but I feel that I can look in on them any moment and be sure they are all right. And Alec dear you do not realize that at no previous time did they so need their mother and father's eye as now when their characters are developing, and little faults springing up, that if not checked may grow serious. Elsie is about the worst companion little Daisy could have, she is so generous and careless that she gives everything up to her, and even when the child is really naughty makes my work twice as hard by joining in and screaming at any punishment I feel obliged to inflict. Alec I greatly need you, do please come. I am willing to make short excursions of a few days with you, but to go to Washington for a few days and then away for another is asking too much. Please come to me I want you so much and am beginning to dread my lonely nights as I seldom escape without a fright or two.

Your loving, Mabel.